

SCHOOL LANDS ON FOREST RESERVES

Settlement of the Question of Administration Between the State and the Government; State Revenues From Forests

What was reported as a "clash" between the land commission and the officials of the forestry service concerning school lands in forest reserves has been very nicely adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned. In justice to both the commission and the service it is stated that there was never any "clash" between them. It was merely an effort to harmonize the friction that existed between forestry regulations and the enabling act on one side and state laws on the other in order to get them in practical working order. It was accomplished by carefully studying the facts and by the forestry service making a slight modification in the regulations of the service generally, in favor of Arizona, to meet the local conditions.

Under the territorial government the territory was given two sections in each township in the forest reserves, sections 16 and 36. The enabling act also granted two more sections in each township, 2 and 32, but the act also provided that "the school lands in forest reserves are to be administered by the forestry service," which shall turn over to the state its portion of the revenues derived from such school lands.

Now it happens that the general regulations of the forestry service among other things greatly restricts the practice of fencing lands used for grazing. When the old sections of school land 16 and 36, formerly leased by county boards of supervisors, came under the forestry service for administration, the officials naturally made their regulations effective and ordered all fences removed. Clearly that was a hardship and loss to those settlers who had previously leased the lands, improved them and thrown fences around their water holes, etc. These settlers protested to the land commission and in support of their protest secured legal opinion to the effect that they could not be disturbed in the rights they had acquired from the territory under which they built their fences, and that the state could continue to administer such lands.

The forestry officials have now modified their order to the effect that those who have leased areas under fence may retain the fences and any other improvements, thus removing the embarrassment that confronted them. The lands are still under their administration and any new fences or improvements desired will be subject to the forestry regulations.

The subject of state revenues from the forests is probably understood by only a small number of people and an explanation of the situation will therefore be timely. Respecting the two sections in each township over which the forestry service now assumes control, it must turn over to the state, the same proportion of the grass revenues from any reserve, that the area of school sections in the reserve bears to the whole reserve, or four sections in each township which is one-ninth of the whole area or a little over 11 percent. This is in addition to the 25 percent of the gross revenues from the forest area which under existing general laws must be paid to the school and road funds of any county wherein a forest area lies.

In further addition, under an amendment to the agricultural appro bill, there is set apart another ten percent of the gross revenues from each forest reserve, to be spent by the forestry service in road building in the reserves in

the counties whence the revenues are derived.

A recapitulation of what the state and counties secure as revenue from the forest reserves therefore shows a total of 46 percent of the total revenues of the reserves as follows:

Twenty-five percent of the gross revenues for the county road and school funds; eleven percent of the gross revenues, being that derived from the four school sections in each township and which is paid to the state treasury; and ten percent which is set apart for road building in the reserves by the forestry service, a total of 46 percent.

The government which takes 54 percent of the total revenues bears all the expense of forest administration, the state's part being net. It is contended by some that the government is still getting the lion's share but whether that be true it is a fact that there are few reserves that pay back to the government an amount equal to the cost of their administration.

WILL FIGHT SHY OF CRIPPLES HEREAFTER

A vicious drunken hobo attacked Jas. Moberly last Sunday evening in front of Black's saloon. The hobo stooped and grabbed Moberly by the legs and threw him on the pavement. Moberly only has one arm, the left one and a crippled hand on that arm, consequently was not able to protect himself. A bystander helped Jim get up and shortly afterwards Moberly found his hobo assailant on San Francisco street and immediately attempted to settle their difficulty. Moberly gave him a vicious slash with a pocket knife, aimed at his throat, but struck lower cutting him across the chest. The wounded hobo was taken to the county hospital though not dangerously injured.

The hobo had been begging about the streets and when refused aid was extremely insulting. He had been drinking and was ugly. A meaner trick than unwarrantedly attacking a one armed man can hardly be conceived of and Moberly's friends only regret the hobo did not receive more. Moberly is about as peaceful a citizen as can be found, but merely because he has only one arm is no good reason for a person to tackle him with impunity.

It was reported that a spring knife, a razor and a miners candlestick were found on the hobo.

Famous Snake Dances

It has been ascertained through Indian sources that the famous snake dances will take place during the month of August as follows:

At Shipoulovi today, ending August 16th.
Second at Oraibi on Aug. 20th.
Third at Hotevelah, Aug. 23rd.
Fourth at Shungopovi is as yet unannounced but will probably take place during the latter part of the month.

Burgled the Freight Depot

A very discriminating burglar broke into the Santa Fe freight house last week Friday evening and selected a few articles including a sweater, a box of candy, a bottle of whiskey and a few other equally as valuable articles from different boxes of freight lying about.

He made his entrance through a small window and up to date has fully made his get away.

Burned With Hot Asphalt

A Mexican working on the Babbitt building tripped and fell with a bucket of hot asphalt covering his face almost completely with the stuff. He was badly scalded and it took three doctors over two hours to desolve the asphalt off his face. It went into his nose, eyes and ears making painful burns. He will be lucky to save his eyes.

Divorced and Re-Married

Mrs. Jennie Ross was granted a divorce Tuesday from James R. Ross, both residents of Williams. Mrs. Ross was married again on the same day to John F. Klock of Williams.

FLAGSTAFF VISITORS TELL OF OUR ROADS

C. W. Fawcett and A. S. Earnhardt made a remarkably quick run in their Ford automobile between Flagstaff and Prescott on Friday. They left Flagstaff at 11 o'clock in the morning and arrived at the St. Michael hotel in this city as the clock was striking nine that night.

Both tourists had been to the Grand Canyon and are en route to Phoenix, leaving this morning. They state that road conditions between Flagstaff and Williams are deplorable and care must be used in crossing certain washed-out places. Between Ash Fork and Prescott but one bad place was met. They found two cars out of commission near Ash Fork, the drivers not caring to risk injuring their machines.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Clark, who are in Flagstaff, made the trip from this city to that place in twelve hours, a telegram being received Friday to that effect. This is also a record run, being an up-hill climb all the way. The road from Flagstaff to the Grand Canyon is reported as impassable from recent storms.—Prescott Journal Miner. The Grand Canyon road is in good condition and is being used right along, notwithstanding reports to the contrary.

WILL TEST NEW REGISTRATION LAW

St. Johns, August 10.—An important matter will come before Judge Ling of the superior court on Monday, the hearing of an application for a writ of mandamus, brought by Attorney Yater, a democrat, to compel Recorder Platt, democrat, to register Gabriel Armijo and Luis Chavez, wealthy Mexican republicans.

Their ancestors were here long before the civil war and they claim citizenship under treaty stipulations. Registration was denied them on account of the educational qualification of voters. They refused to take the reading test, though Chavez is educated in English. But he claims that he has a vested right to vote and that he has voted for the last thirty years.

Greer, a republican, is Platt's attorney. This is a test case of great interest and will be taken into the state supreme court by one party or the other.

Funeral of Charles Bell

The remains of Charles Bell were brought to Flagstaff Friday evening from the Grand Canyon by Undertaker Whipple and the funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the undertaking parlors, under the auspices of the pioneer society. Rev. C. M. Ross preached the funeral sermon. The remains were interred in the local cemetery.

The accident which caused his death occurred Thursday about noon down the Bright Angel trail at a point called Cape Horn, where a tunnel was being blasted through the rock to make the trail safer. Just before noon five blasts were set off, four of them exploding but the fuse on the fifth was faulty. After waiting about fifteen minutes Bell remarked to John Ryan that he would go up and get dinner ready and both would come back later to attend to the blast. They started up the trail, Bell in the lead. Just as he was over the blast it exploded, throwing Bell into the air several feet, pitching him over a cliff onto the rocks about eighty feet below. He was picked up as soon as he could be reached, and lived about an hour and a half after the accident. His legs were broken and his skull crushed in as a result of the fall on the rocks.

Area of Arizona's Counties

Coconino, with its 17,800 square miles, is the largest county in the state. Mohave is second with 13,000 square miles; Pima is third with 11,550, and Apache a close fourth with 11,500.

After much hard work the surveyor general's office has completed figuring out the area, in square miles, of the fourteen counties of the new state. To dig out this information, figure after figure was gone over and quite a long time was required.

Maricopa county is seventh in size in square miles, having a total of 9,070. Santa Cruz, with 12,500, is the smallest county, and Greenlee, with 1,900, is next to the smallest.

The area in square miles of each of the counties follows:

Apache	11,500
Cochise	6,200
Graham	4,700
Navajo	10,300
Pinal	5,150
Yuma	9,350
Yavapai	7,380
Coconino	17,800
Gila	4,750
Mohave	13,000
Pima	11,550
Santa Cruz	1,250
Greenlee	1,900
Maricopa	9,070

FLAGSTAFF HAS WON- DERFUL OPPORTUNITIES

"Colorado Springs is fine, but there is a town in Arizona—Flagstaff—that has a hundred times more attractions to offer the tourist, and that could be made into a far more celebrated tourist resort with proper advertising," said Chief Clerk Frank De Souza of the Corporation Commission this morning. Mr. De Souza has just returned from Colorado Springs, where he went to attend the annual meeting of the Knights of Columbus.

"Colorado Springs is known all over the world as a tourist resort, and it has nothing to offer as compared with Flagstaff," he continued. Mr. De Souza pointed out that although Colorado Springs has fine scenery to offer the visitor, it is not to be compared with the scenic wonders around Flagstaff, while in addition the Arizona town has a dozen different natural wonders that are not equalled any place in the world.

It is Mr. De Souza's belief that if some company would build a fine tourist hotel in Flagstaff and advertise the town as Colorado Springs is advertised, it would soon have far more visitors each year than the Colorado resort.

Within easy distance of Flagstaff is the Grand Canyon, the ice caves, the crater lakes, the petrified forest, the cliff dwellings and the celebrated natural bridge. A scenic railway could easily be built running from the northern town to all these places that would be unrivaled in the entire world. Colorado Springs has no such offering to make, yet through the medium of advertising thousands of people are annually attracted there from all parts of the world.

"The building of a hotel at Flagstaff such as the Antlers in Colorado Springs, and the proper advertising of the many scenic grandeur close by, would mean that Arizona would soon have one of the great tourist resorts of America, and thousands of dollars would be annually brought into the state in this manner," said De Souza.—Phoenix Democrat.

Lightning Likes Larry

Larry Quinlan, the genial young man who handles hard knots in Babbitt Bros. general offices, was handed a bunch of lightning Tuesday which came off the wires during the storm and was surprised and much shocked. He was laid up for several hours. This is the second time lightning has sneaked up and tapped him on the shoulder during the past month, but Larry has failed thus far to get thoroughly accustomed to it.

Whose Tooth and Whose Toenail?

Flagstaff is working tooth and toenail for a railroad from Durango to Flagstaff and on to Phoenix. What's the matter with Gallup working for the Deming, Gallup & Durango road?—Gallup (N. M.) Republican.

ARIZONA'S NEW

STATE BULLETIN

Arizona will have total state valuation approximating \$160,000,000. Last year the total was \$100,000,000. Increase one year \$60,000,000.

Arizona State Board of Equalization gives value of Arizona railways at \$28,512,134.20. Railroad building will increase considerably in near future.

Banks in Arizona, 38 State Banks, and 13 National Banks have total resources June 14, 1912, \$29,312,624.36. An increase of \$3,199,623.68 since September 5th, 1911.

Artesian water is being developed in many sections of Arizona. Sulphur Springs Valley, Verde Valley, Rillito Valley and Maricopa Valley showing some good wells.

Arizona forest reserves reduced by 106,540 acres. This land has been transferred to grazing ranges. Cattlemen report ranges in fine shape and stock excellent condition.

Arizona attracting increased number of summer visitors. Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Williams, Winslow, Prescott and Holbrook have unusual attractions. Dry mountain air, cool, clear nights.

Arizona attracting attention with success in dry-farming. Chambers of Commerce at Prescott, Tucson and Douglas report splendid results. Arizona will be represented at International Dry Farming Congress.

Arizona is a leader of Nation in matters pertaining to education. University of Arizona offers splendid opportunity for complete Agricultural course. Well equipped schools and colleges are established throughout the new state.

Arizona's roads soon to be finest in the country. Governor of Arizona has directed employment of convicts in road building. Splendid concrete bridge now being constructed and roads at five different points in the state being built by convict labor.

Arizona's shipments of cattle and livestock are very important. Gila county's spring shipments totalled 18,000. Williamson Valley, Yavapai county, shipped 3,000 head in two weeks. Lower rates on livestock to California points are expected at early date.

Arizona's mining situation improving. Price of copper bringing many properties again into operation. Arizona leads in copper production. Total yield in 1909 was 305,506,390 pounds. The yield in 1910 was 297,491,151 pounds, valued at \$37,781,376.

Arizona Fair to be held at Phoenix, October 28 to November 2 will be bigger than ever. Worlds famous drivers in auto races; harness races will include world famous horses; Fourth Cavalry with mounted band will be in attendance; entries and exhibits will make splendid show.

Arizona reports increase in assessed valuation of all counties. Apache county increases 100 percent in one year included in this worth 144,000 sheep 20,000 cattle. Greenlee county reports total assessed valuation at \$11,315,784.32. Pima county has assessed valuation of \$8,954,211.00.

Democratic Electors Selected

Election petitions are being circulated through the state by the democrats for the purpose of placing the names of George Babbitt of Flagstaff; Lysander Cassidy of Maricopa, and John R. Hampton, of Clifton on the primary ballot as democratic electors, for the primaries to be held September 10.

Co. I, 1st Ariz. Inf., returned last night, having acquitted themselves at Ft. Huachuca with honors.

Oscar E. Emerson and Miss Myrtle Shivers, both of Williams, were married yesterday by Judge J. O. Harrington.

Richard Jakel, who has been staying the past year with Grandfather Jakel, left Monday for his home in St. Louis and grandpa is exceedingly lonesome without him.

Grammar? Sure—Bet Yer Life

A young lad just returned from a boarding school on being asked by "dad" how he stood in grammar at the end of the term said something like this:

"Say, dad, take it from me, grammar was my long suit. On the start off I was up against it hard. Couldn't get it through my noodle. Fell down every time I went to class. Finally I says to myself, look here, old kid, it's up to you. You've got to cut out the funny business and take a brace or you'll see your finish, the surest thing you know. Well, I studied, believe me. And say, when it came to the final exams, did I lose out? Not on your life. I was right there with bells on. There was certainly some class to the way I answered those quizzes. A cold mark of ninety-five when it was all over. Not so worse, eh? Can you beat it? How I did it I don't know. You can search me. But anyhow it's going some, eh dad? None of em's got anything on me when it comes to grammar, that's a cinch." The old gent managed to gasp, "Get the hook!"—Printers' Album.

WANT TELEPHONE LINE TO TUBA CITY

A proposition now on foot is a new steel bridge over Moen Copi Wash near Tuba, government repair work on the Tuba road and a telephone line from Flagstaff to Tuba. The people in the Indian service are doing all in their power to put the big Indian school in closer touch with the outside world and congress will be asked for an appropriation of \$40,000 to do the work. Special Agent C. C. Early, who is at present temporarily in charge of the agency at Tuba believes that the new bridge is absolutely necessary as the wash at times is dangerous and costly to the service. Every year it runs a flood and does great damage.

The telephone line would save thousands of dollars to the government annually. The road is a long one and needs more repairs than the county could reasonably afford and should be at least partially maintained by the government, since it is mainly used by the government service and is maintained for their special use over the Navajo reservation.

MAY POSTPONE PAVING UNTIL NEXT SPRING

Mr. E. P. Conway, superintendent of the Barber Asphalt Paving company, was in the city from Phoenix a few days this week. While there is no question but that the paving proposition is a go, he has been figuring closely on early frosts in this altitude and believes that it will be necessary to put off the work until spring when all streets already signed up for can be completed without danger of frost catching them. Practically ten blocks have been signed up for and it is probable that many more will come in between now and the time work starts. Mr. Conway left Monday evening for Phoenix without definitely deciding when he would commence the paving work.

Black-Otteson Wedding

Mr. Bernard C. Black was married Saturday evening to Miss Susie Otteson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wright by Judge J. O. Harrington.

Miss Otteson is not only a handsome young lady but one that has many accomplishments calculated to make a happy home. Mr. Black's popularity was fully attested by a gathering of bosom bachelor friends who celebrated the occasion by range noises and camps amusements until "Bum" made a delightful speech to them one and all.

Just for that we wish them much good and days that are happy.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the ladies and heart of Flagstaff for their kindness to us, complete strangers in Flagstaff, during the illness and death of our beloved baby.

J. S. HARRINGTON.